

# Speaker Registration/Testimony

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I oppose Resolution 17-189. I am not associated with the Floatilla events, or even attend them, however the problem with this resolution should be obvious. Resolutions like this that target specific gatherings that are predominately of a certain demographic are discriminatory. Laws should never target specific functions or groups, and especially when a law is redundant, then that is a red flag that you are engaging in discriminatory behavior. There are no need for more laws. If you can't limit the activities here with existing laws, then it is simply not lawful to do. For example, the case of the 19 y/o drinking would be covered under existing laws. Also, no studies have been done to justify adding any more laws, and there have been no discussions with the community being discriminated against to find alternatives. After all, this resolution was signed only two days after the trigger event.

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The Waikiki Floatilla event that occurred on July 4th was reported to be between 8000 and 10,000 people. For a unmanaged event with that many people drinking, the actual rate of incidents was low. There were thousands of people who acted responsibly and did not have any issues. To take a few incidents and demonize a group of people, especially without statistics or a study, is unfair. The comparison to the Sandbar resolution is fitting, as that too, discriminated against a specific demographic, also by using a small number of incidents, some not even at the Sandbar, to demonize a group of people. In the Sandbar situation, you also had huge crowds that self-policed very well, as incidents of violence were lower than averages at concerts or other youth events.

I suspect one of the reasons the Floatilla events are leaderless is because of harassment from law enforcement from the beginning of these gatherings. Also, the resolution is not very effective because it still doesn't allow law enforcement limitless access to search participants. The fourth amendment protections would still apply. This resolution would only serve to embolden law enforcement to harass innocent participants more. It would be best to have law enforcement educate the participants about the dangers of drinking

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in the sun, and to encourage them to drink lots of water too.

It is below the legislature to act in an emotional, knee-jerk manner, without properly reviewing all avenues to be fair to all parties involved. This resolution is poorly planned, and carries all of the impropriety the Sandbar resolution did which continues unchallenged in court only because it targets a politically weak demographic. I ask this resolution to be struck down today.

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